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<b>Notice of Not Fully Responsive Reply for Applications Under Accelerated Examination</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/656,678	<b>Applicant(s)</b> HEIN ET AL.	
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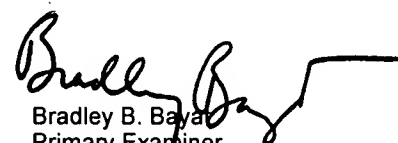
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**This application has been granted special status under the accelerated examination program.**

The reply filed 25 October 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior **non-final Office action** because of the following reason(s):

1. ☐ The reply includes an amendment that attempts to add claims which would result in more than three (3) independent claims, or more than twenty (20) total claims.
2. ☐ The reply includes an amendment that attempts to present claims not encompassed by the preexamination search.
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4. ☐ The reply includes an amendment that attempts to present claims that are directed to a nonelected invention or an invention other than previously claimed in the application.
5. ☐ The reply includes arguments or other items that are not limited to the rejections, objections, and requirements made, such as \_\_\_\_\_ on page \_\_\_\_\_ of the reply.
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The reply has not been entered. Since the above-identified reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is give a time period of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid **ABANDONMENT**. **NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME** under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be permitted.

  
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